

Pastor's Page

Worship Notes for October

October 4 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

Theme: What the world rejects is often what God uses to the divine purpose. What we see in the rejected is ugly, not fit for polite society, low and despised. What God makes of the rejected is amazing to the eyes of faith, the creation of a living and holy temple of the God of all.

12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. 13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:12-14

October 11 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

Theme: “The Lord is near.” There is this thing that I wonder about sometimes, do we live as if this is true? The answer of course, is no. Even, maybe especially, when we think we are being godly we are living as if God doesn’t see us as we are. Are our thoughts and actions honorable, just, pure, commendable or even more than just mediocre. God doesn’t make junk, but made us to excel. We are usually satisfied to be just good enough. God is with you, not being satisfied is not a judgment about our goodness, but about when we have lived in the presence of God who is perfect, and we are being made to be like God.

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4:8-9

October 18 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

Theme: “Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s.” Nothing belongs to Caesar in the end. Like everyone else, Caesar will die, will return to the dust from which he was made. The great and powerful are still sinful human beings. God can and does make some “great” by the world’s measure, but the question Jesus asks, forces a decision: what is Caesar’s and what is God’s? What is mine for that matter? I am the Lord’s, Caesar is the Lord’s, nothing that is does not first come from God. Too often we forget this and we put God to the test.

And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 1 Thessalonians 1:6-7

October 25 – Reformation Day

Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

Theme: “Deep within I will plant my law, not on stone, but in your heart. Follow me; I will bring you back. You will be my own, and I will be your God.” (Lyrics from the refrain of Deep Within by David Haas) That is the theme of the Reformation, God alone can place his Word in us and make us turn and be saved. That rescue is new life a new Creation. We celebrate that turns our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh through the promise of the Cross of Jesus Christ. Being put to death we are made alive in him. We earth creatures have been made alive by the breath, the Spirit of God.

We celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism for our 10th graders on this day.

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night. Psalm 1:2

Deep Within by David Haas

Refrain: Deep within, I will plant my law, not on stone, but in your heart.
Follow me; I will bring you back. You will be my own, and I will be your God.

1. I will give you a new heart, a new spirit within you, for I will be your strength.
 2. See my face, and see your God, for I will be your hope.
 3. Return to me, with all your heart, and I will bring you back.
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26 Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. 28 God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, 29 so that no one may boast before him. 30 It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. 31 Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

The good news of the Gospel is that God can make something out of nothing. All our attempts to make something of ourselves, though maybe successful at first, ultimately fail. We will die. Only God can bring life out of death or make the dead heart alive. This is the message that Paul shared with those to whom he wrote, it was the life Jesus lived.

The part of the Reformation I like is the emphasis on this truth that makes us free from having to make something of ourselves. We are now free to chase after whatever is good, whatever is true and whatever is beautiful or excellent. The church seeks to bring people into contact with the God who alone is good, who alone is the truth, who alone is beautiful in holiness. In the light of this God the world looks new, it reflects the glory of God even if the darkness of sin still exists.

We are people of hope, because God has chosen us. God has, as our confirmation material puts it, decided to be our God. We are still watching and waiting to see what God is making of us, even when we are weak and foolish at times. The Reformation sadly became about a new “church,” but a new church is not overly interesting as someone once said about the ELCA: “What’s new about it?” That could be said about all our projects of immortality or progress or identity, no matter how well intentioned. It is the strange power of the Word made flesh in Jesus Christ, the Cross, that is the power of God to make the world new.

We rejoice in that gift again, not as if it started with the Reform movement that finds a beginning with Luther, but in the Gospels as it has always been preached and taught from the beginning. We celebrate God’s continuing reforming and reshaping of the building of living stones called the Church.

Bishop Dee Pederson of the Southwest Minnesota Synod Will Visit in November

Bishop Dee Pederson will join us on November 22nd to preach and spend some time celebrating with us. She hopes to bring greetings and maybe get an opportunity to meet with you during coffee hour.

Come for the Pet Blessing on October 4th at 11:15 a.m.

We will try to do a pet blessing again on October 4th, an appropriate day since it is the day of remembering St Francis who was fond of reminding the church of our special relationship with all God’s creatures. He is the author of the words to the hymn “All Creatures of our God and King”.

Bring your pets, a leash of cage to make them feel safe, a treat and your love for them.

It is a very short service of blessing, followed by some snacks. **The Vikings don’t play until 3:05 p.m.**

Youth Information:

Mark Your Calendar

- Oct. 2 Fall Faith and Fun Day Camp 8am -3pm
- Oct. 4 – 3 year olds receive Bibles
- Oct. 5- Youth Ministry Team Meeting 5:00
- Oct. 11 – 3rd graders receive Bibles
- Oct. 25 – Confirmation 10:30 am

Affirmation of Baptism

Confirmation is scheduled for Oct. 25 at 10:30 am

Remember to meet with Pastor Tim at your scheduled time prior to confirmation.

Confirmation Rehearsal will be Oct. 21 starting at 7pm with pictures.

Sunday School News

Sunday School has started. We have a new curriculum that we are using this year, so there are a couple of changes. We will begin Sunday School at 10:15, but it will end at 11:15. This is a change from the past.

If you have not registered for Sunday School yet, you are still able to register by scanning the QR code.



Please remember to have your child(ren) bring their Bibles to Sunday School (especially 3rd-6th graders).

October Dates for Sunday School

Oct. 4 – Jacob's Dream

Oct. 11 – Joseph and Brothers

Oct. 18 – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL – MEA

Oct. 25 – Burning Bush

October Dates for Confirmation

Oct. 7 – 2nd Commandment

Oct. 14 – NO CLASS – MEA

Oct. 21 – 3rd Commandment

Oct. 28 – 4th Commandment

Youth Information:

Fall Faith and Fun Day Camp

**Friday, Oct. 2
8am – 3pm**

There is no school on Oct. 2, so we will have a fun, faith filled day of activities for children. It is like a one day VBS where we will have stories, crafts, games, and other activities for kids. You must sign up and bring a lunch. Snacks will be provided. Scan the QR code to register.



Teens Encounter Christ (TEC)

Teens Encounter Christ – is an amazing experience for high schoolers. It's a chance to get away for a weekend and experience the love of God and community in a genuine, meaningful way.

Whether you're curious about faith or already deeply committed, TEC meets you where you are. Come as you are. Leave changed. If interested talk to Geri.

**Next TEC Weekend
Oct. 16-18
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Mankato, MN**

National Youth Gathering

What is the Youth Gathering?

Every three years, thousands of high schoolers and their adult leaders from across the ELCA come together for the ELCA Youth Gathering. It's not just an event but a movement in which faith ignites and community comes alive. Through inspiring speakers, experiential learning and transformative connections, young people experience the church in bold, unforgettable ways. Each night, participants share a unique faith experience through high-energy worship and powerful storytelling. The Gathering is an opportunity to ask big questions, grow in faith and be part of something bigger than yourself. Are you ready to join the movement?

The 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering will be in Minneapolis next summer June 28-July 2. If you are interested in attending this event, please let Geri know as registration for this opens in October. We plan to travel with Our Saviors.

Upcoming Events

**Jr. High Youth Gathering
Nov. 20-21
Children's Christmas Program
Dec. 13 at 10:30 am**

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

The mother of Anna Fleischmann

Lloyd Christenson

Diane Bode

Joanne Cherrington

Steve and Barbara Reinhart's son, Matt

Peg Isaacson

Kyle Howk and Allison Howk

Please pray in uplifting the family of Jason and Heidi Rewitzer.

Please pray for the families of Jackie Nelson and Baylee Geiger, Shelby and Keith Hartmann, also Patrick and Melissa Nelson.

Please pray for Bonnie Hubert in the passing of her brother, Duane Strasser

There is a new Care List available in the office for those who would like to send cards

The Caregivers Support Group continues to meet the first and third Thursday's at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The next meeting will be October 1st. The group is enjoying this social time to share stories and talk about issues surrounding being Caregivers. Anyone is welcome to attend – just come on by!



Sign up for **Subsplash Giving online** and set up a one time or recurring gift and giving will be easier than ever! Follow this link: <https://subsplash.com/u/christ-the-king-lutheran/give> or scan this QR code.

Women's Bible Study We are studying the book of Tobit which until the time of Luther was part of the Christian scriptures.

Men's Bible Study We will begin meeting in October 10th at 8:00 a.m. We will study the book of Ezekiel.

Monday Evening Bible Study This is for both men and women. Subject of study will be the book of The Sermon on the Mount. We will then continue with the book of Job.

Choir – confirmation parents—please consider joining us for choir on Wednesdays at 6:45 while your son or daughter is in confirmation. We welcome all people and you don't need to be an expert in the field. We even have some fun at the same time!!

Cardmaking - There will be card making events on October 24th, 10:00 to 12:00, and also on November 21st, 10:00 to 12:00 noon. All ages are welcome. There will be a variety of choices for different themes, and we also welcome special requests for the Holidays. Please RSVP by either calling or emailing the office so we have an idea of how many are coming, and so we have enough product to work with. There will be a free will offering toward the Helping Hand Fund, for these events.

Jasmine Miller -- would love to hear from people and would appreciate some friendly correspondence, even just a card to say "Hello!"

Her address is:

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We are looking for people to tell their story what Christ the King means to them as their church. If you would like to write a short paragraph or statement to go in the bulletin telling your thoughts or experiences at Christ The King, please email it to the church office at office@christtheking-nu.org or call the office at 354-4672.

NUMAS Haus – The Outreach Ministry is collecting items for the local NUMAS Haus. The NUMAS Haus is a shelter for homeless women and their children. The list below are items that can be donated in the box in the narthex. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 507.354.4672. Thank you for your support!

Women's and girls' underwear, all sizes
Pots and Pans Sets
Kitchen Utensil Sets
Small Kitchen Drawer Dividers
Small Room Fans
Beach Towels
Dry Shampoo
Make Up Remover Wipes
Clothing Hangers
Alarm Clocks
Queen and full size sheets
Hand Lotion
Laundry Soap
Vacuums
Hair Dryers

Dish Soap
Household toolkits
Crock Pots
Fabric Softener
Shaving Razors
Bus Tokens
Gas Gift Cards
Grocery Store Gift Cards
Car Wash Gift Cards
Ice Scrapers for Cars



Please consider a donation to the Little Pantry and thanks so much to everyone who has already donated! We continue to be a welcome Service to those in need.

Stewardship Creed

*I believe in the gifts of God and feel
gratitude for all I have been given,
These gifts are not mine to have, but
mine to share.*

*When they are shared, my gifts will make
a difference for others. And I believe the
act of giving is more important than the
gift itself. I will make giving a priority.
I will give to others because so much of
what I have comes from others.
I will give of who I am, what I do, and
what I have.*

Pantry Items Needed

Macaroni and Cheese
Pasta, Tuna & Cream of Mushroom Soup
Pasta & Spaghetti Sauce
Canned vegetables
Canned fruit
Canned pasta such as Ravioli or Spaghetti Os
Boxed meals such as Tuna Helper, can of tuna
Cake Mixes
Pancake Mix & Syrup
Cereal
Baby Food
Toilet paper
Paper towels
Cleaning supplies
Personal Hygiene products
Diapers & Wipes

Christ the King Lutheran Church
Congregation Council Minutes
September 15, 2026

Mission Statement of our Congregation: “A Family of Christians welcoming all as we journey with God to teach, love, and serve others.”

Council Members: Kurt Johnson (President), Josh Walth (Vice President), Amy Johnson (Secretary), Elmer Rettig, Lauren Buckentine, Allie Staley, Pat Novak, Ryan Meyer, Miriam Waldner
Pastor Tim Anderson, Beth Zambino (Treasurer), Geri Groebner (Youth and Youth Education) & Jen Kapolczynski (Financial Secretary)

Call to Order- Meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Kurt Johnson

Opening Prayer and Devotion – Elmer Rettig

Next month’s devotion – Miriam Waldner

Review and approval of agenda –Lauren made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Allie; motion carried.

Highlights from past month – Mission Trip presentation went well by the kids who attended.

Confirmation meeting was last week and starts tomorrow, along with confirmation. Both the women’s and adult Bible study started yesterday with approximately 8 attending each session.

Secretary’s Report – Miriam made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Pat; motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report – Checking is sitting comfortably with most of our bills have been paid. Mortgage continues to decrease. The balance of the CD was rolled into a new one in September. Jen Kapolczynski and Beth Zambino are signers for the Certificate of Deposit with a current balance of \$22,312.41. We were above budget in giving for the month of August.

Pastor’s Report –

- **Sound issues and streaming needs.** Pastor Tim talked to the sound people so they are planning to fix sound issues sometime this fall or early winter. The sound quality and image is better on the website. We continue to look for volunteers to help navigate the sound board each service. Pastor Tim is able to trim the video for putting up on the website and sending to the television people.
- **Adult Education continues:**
 - Women the book of Tobit (from the original Christian canon of the Bible)
 - Job
 - The Sermon on the Mount: what is its purpose/meaning for the Church today?
 - Possible Sunday mornings a History of Israel and Palestine conflict
 - Ezekiel men’s study—Men’s study will start in October
- **Confirmation** We have begun our year of confirmation. The 9th grade class will be confirmed in the Spring of 2027, most likely date will be May 2, instead of October. The final date is being determined.
- **Pet Blessing on October 4th**

Youth Education Report: Sunday School starts this weekend with about 38-40 kids signed up. We will have the installation of teachers this Sunday. Bibles will be handed out to 3 year olds in early October. The NUMAS Haus event started this past weekend. There will be a non-school day event on October 2.

Committee Reports

- Personnel Committee – Discussed personnel concerns that may arise once a new pastor starts. Staff salary increases and insurance were discussed.
- Property Committee – Meeting every other month. Outdoor church cleanup will be September 24th from 4-7 pm.
- Finance Committee –
- Youth/Education Committee –We met last night and Geri covered

- Scholarship Committee – Will not do scholarship breakfast this fall due to a full fall schedule with other events at church.
- Worship Committee – No meeting
- Outreach/Social Ministry Committee –Working on the NUMAS Haus fundraiser and the 45th anniversary celebration.
- Gifts & Bequests Policy Committee- No need to meet
- Volunteer Committee –Diane Simonson presented an idea from the committee to send out a survey to congregants about possible barriers to volunteering. The survey would be administered through a google form and possibly a QR code. Lauren made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Allie; motion carried.

Old Business:

We have a ministry profile from Our Savior's as an example for us to use.

- Things to consider:
 - Candidates for the call committee who are committed. We should identify call committee members at the January annual meeting (8-9 members). We also need to identify a committee to create a profile.
 - Important qualifications for the next pastor; What do we need as a congregation?
 - How do we get feedback from congregants about qualifications and needs?
 - Reaching out to congregation members to see if they know anyone
 - Identify a specific time frame to minimize a time lag for getting a new pastor.
- **October meeting: Council members will come with 3 priority areas for congregation.**

New Business:

Miriam will be working about 28 hours with an upper limit of 30 hours. The office can be covered even if Miriam were to leave a bit early during the week.

Adjournment & Lord's Prayer — Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Next Council Meeting: October 20, 2026

Sign Up to Serve Using the Church App

Did you know you can sign up to serve in worship ministries right from your phone?

Our church app makes it simple to view open opportunities

and choose what works best for you.

How to Get the App

- Go to the App Store
- Search for **Christ the King – New Ulm**

How to Sign Up to Volunteer from the App

- Tap **“Serve”** at the bottom of the screen
- Scroll down and tap whichever service you would like to sign up for
- You’ll be taken to our sign-up page
- Choose a date and role that works for you
- Enter your name and confirm

Why Use the App?

- See available openings at a glance
- Sign up anytime, anywhere
- Choose what fits your schedule
- Help support our shared ministry in worship

Prefer Not to Use the App?

That’s okay! You can always contact the church office, and we’ll be happy to help you get signed up.

Need Help Using the App?

Stop by the office or ask Pastor Tim — we’d be happy to walk you through it.



Shared Ministry in Worship

As we continue building our monthly worship schedule, we invite you to serve in one of these simple and meaningful roles. Signing up in advance helps us prepare for worship each week and reduces the need for last-minute recruiting. We know that many people are away during the summer, so advance sign-up from those who know they'll be present is especially helpful and appreciated!

You can sign up on the church website, on the church app, on a sign-up sheet in the narthex, or by contacting the church office at 507-354-4672.

Saturday, October 3rd

Greeter: _____

Ushers: _____

Reader: Diane Simonson

Communion Server: _____

Hospitality: _____

Saturday, October 10th

Greeter: _____

Ushers: _____

Reader: _____

Communion Server: _____

Hospitality: _____

Saturday, October 17th

Greeter: _____

Ushers: _____

Reader: _____

Communion Server: _____

Hospitality: _____

Saturday, October 24th

Greeter: Diane Simonson

Ushers: _____

Reader: _____

Communion Server: _____

Hospitality: _____

Sunday, October 4th

Greeter: _____

Ushers: _____

Reader: _____

Communion Servers: _____

Coffee: _____

Sunday, October 11th

Greeter: _____

Ushers: _____

Reader: DuWayne Witt

Communion Servers: DuWayne Witt

Sharie Novak

Coffee: Simonson family

Sunday, October 18th

Greeter: _____

Ushers: _____

Reader: Beth Zambino

Communion Servers: Diane Simonson

Coffee: _____

Sunday, October 25th

Greeter: _____

Ushers: _____

Reader: _____

Communion Servers: _____

Coffee: _____

We are grateful for all who share their gifts in worship. Your presence and willingness to serve help make our shared worship possible and reflect Christ's love in our community.



CtK's Helping Hands Fund

CTK's Helping Hands fund for August:

Given	\$1,966.80
Groceries	\$150.00
Gas Cards	\$0.00
Car Payments	\$0.00
Car Repairs	\$0.00
Utilities	\$0.00
Housing	\$1,194.00
Misc	\$0.00

Financial Report for July

Given	\$33,726.67
Budgeted	\$26,955.31
Given YTD	\$212,245.53
Budgeted YTD	\$238,496.38

Christ the King Council Members

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Return Service Requested

**"A Family of
Christians,
welcoming
as we journey with
God
to teach, love,
and serve others."**

October 2026

Worship Services:

***Saturday, 5:33 pm
Sunday, 9:00 am***

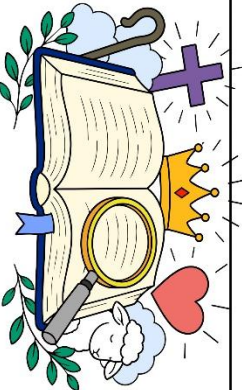
***Streamed on CTK
Website and available
Tuesdays at 10 a.m. &
Wednesdays 5 p.m.***



Puzzle

NAMES OF GOD

Every name of God tells us something about his power, love and care for his people. Use the Scripture clues to uncover just some of these special names.



F _____ (Matthew 6:9)

A _____ and O _____ (Revelation 1:8)

I A _____ (Exodus 3:14)

Y _____ (Exodus 6:2-3)

G _____ M _____ H _____ (Genesis 14:19)

G _____ A _____ (Genesis 17:1)

R _____ (Psalm 18:2)

J _____ (Psalm 75:7)

F _____ (Psalm 18:2)

H _____ O _____ (Isaiah 40:25)



PUZZLE

A Family of Prayer

Acts tells us about a man named Cornelius. He was a Roman soldier who worshiped God and prayed with his family. God used Cornelius to help Peter learn an important truth: God welcomes everyone who loves Him and does what is right.

Solve the math problems using the grid. Then use the key to find the letter for each answer. Write each letter on the blank to discover what Cornelius and his family did.

GRID	
A	B
2	4
C	D
6	5

KEY
a = 7 e = 8
i = 10 o = 9
u = 11 v = 6

"He _____ nd _____ ll h _____ s f _____ m _____ l _____
A+C A+D A+D B+C A+D B+C A+B

w _____ r _____ d _____ v _____ t _____ nd
A+C A+C A+C B+D C+D A+D

G _____ d-f _____ r _____ ng; h _____ g _____ v _____
B+D A+C A+D B+C A+C A+D A+C

g _____ n _____ r _____ sl _____ t _____ th _____ s _____ n
A+C A+C B+D C+D A+B B+D B+D A+C B+C

n _____ d _____ nd pr _____ y _____ d t _____ G _____ d
A+C A+C A+D A+D A+B A+C B+D

r _____ g _____ l _____ rl _____ , _____ cts 10:2, NIV
A+C C+D A+D A+B A+D

Answers: He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. Acts 10:2, NIV